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DEATH.

On the 14th June, at Kowloon, Town House,
WILLIAM MORRIS, Inspector of Nuisances,
Hongkong, a native of Pennsylvania, Ireland, aged
35.

Telegraphic Address:—A.S.W. Code.
P.O. Box 20.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 16th, 1896.

THE CENTRE OF REBELLIONS IN CHINA no
longer excites any keen interest. The
insurgents are invariably so handicapped
by want of supplies, both of arms and ammu-
nition, that the Imperialists, however
badly led, however wretchedly disciplined,
soon gain the advantage, more especially as
they are always able to maintain com-
munication with the coast, which, since the
acquisition of a maritime trade, has become
their base. Thus the announcement made
the other day by our Shanghai morning
contemporary, to the effect that there had
been another Mahomedan outbreak in Lan-
chow prefecture, Kansu, hardly sufficed to
make a ripple on the political waters. In
this case, nevertheless, it would seem that
the rebels have scored some successes in having
surrounded the Imperialist forces and almost
decimated them, although the latter were
better provided with firearms than their
assailants. The report adds that from 4,000
to 6,000 of the Imperialist troops are either
killed or missing. Possibly the Mahomedans
were led by some of YAKOUB BEG's old
captains, who know a little of the art of war
in a rude way and who at any rate are not
deficient in courage, a quality unknown to
most Chinese officers, who hang in the rear
and flourish fans instead of leading the
charge. The reverse appears to have
sufficiently alarmed the Kansu authorities
to induce them to send urgent telegrams
to Nanking and Wuchang, asking
for reinforcements to help to suppress the
rebellion. The Viceroy Liu Kun-yu and
CHANG CHUNG-wei, it is reported, sent
about eight thousand men to assist the
Kansu Government, and other provincial
administrations are also expected to furnish
contingents. In the end, no doubt, a
sufficient force will be collected to
crush the rising in a short period
unless some leader with a spark
of military genius arises among the insur-
gents, and, taking the Imperialist levies in
detail, cuts them off and marches south-
ward, ending up the country in wretched style,
as he goes. Such a leader, however, is not
devised every day, and if he could now
be found he would find it difficult to evolve
order out of disorder, or make soldiers out
of untrained coolies. The Mahomedans of
Yunnan, when much more wealthy and

powerful than their co-religionists in Kiu-
siang, were quite unable to continue the
struggle against the Chinese Imperial forces
after these were once fairly established.
The followers of the Prophet in the North-
west provinces, though unquestionably hardy
and courageous, are destitute of any reserve
of arms, and though they may possibly
receive some assistance from the Central
Asian Khanates they cannot hope to long
withstand the Central Government. It is
therefore to be hoped that they may soon
become convinced of the utter hopelessness
of their undertaking, and submit before the
patience of Peking has been tried so long as
to again evoke the merciless severity which
distinguished the suppression of the Mahom-
medan rebellion in Yunnan, wherein the
whole of the rebellious districts were laid
waste and depopulated.

THE dissatisfaction with the Queen's statue
seems to grow greater in proportion as
familiarity with it increases. The statue
itself when closely examined seems hardly
deserving of the encomiums lavished upon
it at first, and it fails in its main purpose
of keeping the presentment of the Queen pro-
minently before the people because it is so
completely enclosed in a ridiculous canopy
that one must go almost up to the steps to
see it. At a little distance and from certain
points of view it is the canopy alone that is
seen and a stranger looking at the singular
object would be lost in conjecture as to what
it could possibly be. The canopy might
come in useful for a drinking fountain or
something of that kind, but the sooner it is
removed from the Queen's statue the better.
It is disappointing to see so much money
wasted, but there is no disguising the fact
that the canopy is a mistake without a single
redeeming feature and that its removal, now
that we have got it, would be well worth
all the expenditure it would entail. We
would then have the statue disclosed to
view, and although it falls somewhat short
of what was expected, it would nevertheless
be a public adornment and would better
answer the purpose for which it was erected.

The steamer Woolwich, from Hamburg, left

Singapore on the 13th inst. and may be expected

back about the 10th inst.

H.M.S. Centurion grounded on a sand bank

in Shimonezu Strait on the 13th June, and was

hoisted off without damage.

On Sunday there were three cases of plague

in the city and one at Kowloon. Yesterday

there were five cases, all in the city.

The old *Opium*, which for many years has

been used as the mooring vessel of Her

Majesty's Navy, is advertised for sale.

The C. P. steamer *Empress of China* arrived

at Nagasaki at 6 a.m. yesterday and left

at 2 p.m. for Hongkong, via Kobe and Yoko-

hama.

The C. P. steamer *Empress of India* arrived

at Yokohama at 6:30 a.m. yesterday and left

at 2 p.m. for Hongkong, via Kobe, Nagasaki,

and Shanghai.

The O. & A. steamer *Belgic*, with mail, &c.,

from San Francisco to the 26th ult. has arrived

at Yokohama, and leaves for this port this

morning, the 16th inst. via Nagasaki.

On the 13th June fire broke out in the premises

of the Nippon Cotton Spinning Company at

Dojima, Osaka, which were completely destroyed.

Several lives were lost and many severe injuries

sustained.

New York is buying sugar largely in London.

Sixty steamer are loading with sugar at

English ports for the United States to meet the

demand in the Cuban crop. The visible supply

is estimated to be \$20,000 tons less than in 1895.

The Singapore Free Press is informed, on

the authority of a reliable source, that the

Secretary of State has decided that the Hon.

E. B. Leamon (Colonial Treasurer) and the Hon.

H. H. Trotter (Auditor-General) must retire

by April, 1897.

Some time ago the members of the sub-
ordinate service of the Straits Settlements sent
a memorial to the Government praying for
exchange of commission on an increase of their
salaries. A reply has been received to the
effect that the Secretary of State for the
Colonies regrets he is unable to comply with
the request of the memorialists.—*Straits Times*.

The Royal Engineer Variety Club gave a

very good entertainment in the last shed,
Wellington Barracks, on Saturday night, andas it is to be repeated to-night we must hope
that the club will be well patronized. The
programme was of a very good order, and
the entertainment was well received. There
was also a military drama, in two acts, which
was well received.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. H. Prosser sold

by auction a piece of Crown land at the South
of Kennedy Road. It is inland lot No. 1,379and contains 35,850 square feet. The annual
rental is \$288 and the upset price was \$4,350.There were only one bidder, the lot being
knocked down to Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, who
was acting on behalf of the Hongkong Land
Investment and Agency Company, Limited, for
the Government. The land is situated in the
Paris houses in communication with the English
firms here dealing in this article and having
their own tea-bustlers—a certain number of
cases of tea have been exported direct to
France.

Recent revolutions have not damped the ardour

of the Salvation Army in Tokyo. From what
we can gather, these missionaries are making
headway and it is claimed that they have already
made a hundred converts. They have two offices,
one at Shinjuku and the other at Giza,
whence they go out on their rounds. There
are seven officers, including Colonel Wright,
Brigadier Bower, and Captains Clark, Hatcher,
Newcombe, Devonshire, and Hart. Four
of these women, and Mrs. Wright are assisting
in their knowledge of the language. They are
mixing with the Japanese gives them a popu-
larity few missionaries who sport broadclothes
and are in the least conversant with the
Japanese edition of the *War Cry* is said to
have reached 12,000.—*Japan Gazette*.

A highly successful attempt at supplying a

floating population with fresh milk, cream, and
butter was made by the *Japan Mail*, made on
board the N. P. steamer *Tacoma* throughout her
recent trip from Tacoma. Several cows had
been shipped in Tacoma for Hongkong, which
accompanied and the ship was supplied with
milk and cream. The cows were milked twice
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Mr. A. Mitchell Jones, Financial Adviser to
the Government, is a passenger on the
P. & O. steamer *Arcturion* which left London
on Saturday, the 13th inst. at 4 p.m., and may
be expected here on or about Saturday, the 20th
inst. This steamer brings a large number of
passengers from Hongkong on the 16th April.

On the 13th inst. fire broke out in a match
factory situated in the suburbs of Osaka. Four
mechanics were burned to death and eighteen
more were more or less seriously injured. The
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